SECRET _ - -CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 25X1 INFORMATION REPORT COUNTRY China Ulan Bator-Peiping Highway SUBJECT 25X1 DATE DISTR. & JULY NO. OF PAGES UNITED STATES, BITHIR THE MEANING OF TITLE 18. SECTIONS 751 NO. OF ENCLS. THE OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVE-ATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON MIRITED BY LAW. THE REPRESUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROMISETED SUPP. TO 25X1 THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION REPORT NO. 1. On 10 May 54 there returned to Prague the mission of Czechoslova! ___gineers and technicians who have been working since 1951 on the strategic road between Ulan Bator in Mongolia and Peiping. The head of the mission was Josef Krulich. 2. The completion of this strategic highway was announced as of 1 May 54, but the Czechoslovak engineers say this completion is more propagandistic than practical. They declare that the better equipped parts of the road in the Gobi Desert permit rapid motor traffic, but the parts of the road in the mountains are still not suitable for trucks. Even cyclists have to walk many miles among the mountains . 3. The Czechoslovak technicians say the construction of the road has been extremely costly, and serious difficulties arose between Soviet and Czechoslovak experts on the one hand and Chinese representatives on the other. The Czechoslovak technicians suspect that the construction of the road was not whole-heartedly supported by Chinese isolationists. Liu Shao-Chi, deputy chairman of the Chinese Government is opposed to the road. 25X1 this report is for the one matter the USA of the Intelligible a important to Mecsion and Dissertainables, Collected Parts of the co who decay on we done is a month of 25X1 as as on providing the party in beers the ca er, a v to a kv t Y" and the citation of more active may to both Service 25X1 SECRET CRR-Ev NAVY AIR FB1 ARMY DISTRIBUTION / STATE

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